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Honorable Alfonse D'Amato United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator D'Amato:

This is in reply to your letter of February 17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Frank Livernoche, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the \underline{Notice} .

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's conerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the <u>Notice</u>, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely

Richard J. Shiben

Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division

Private Radio Bureau

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Dear Director:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

PLEASE TRY TO RESPOND WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST. YOUR FINDINGS AND VIEWS, IN DUPLICATE, ALONG WITH RETURN OF THIS MEMO PLUS ENCLOSURE, WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Senator

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DEAR SENATOR D'AMATO;

RE: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING NPRM-PR DOCKET 92-235

ACTION NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 26, 1993

I AM RETIRED AND SPEND MANY HOUR OF MY RETIREMENT MAKING AND FLYING RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT. ALONG WITH THE ENJOYMENT I RECEIVE FROM THIS HOBBY, I HAVE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN RADIO EQUIPMENT.

THIS EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED FOR THIS USE ONLY AND IS COSTLY TO SWITCH FROM ONE FREQUENCY TO ANOTHER, IF IT CAN BE DONE AT ALL.

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED RULES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONS, (FCC). THE PROCEEDING IS PR DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED, THE NEW RULES WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR MODEL USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND ATTENDANT LIABILITY FOR CONTROLLING MODEL AIRPLANES.

OUR RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES ARE IN THE 72 - 76 MHz BAND. THIS BAND IS PRIMARILY USED FOR PRIVATE LAND MOBLIE DISPATCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES IN THIS BAND ARE FAR ENOUGH APART FROM THE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE THE BAND WITHOUT EITHER USE INTERFERING WITH THE OTHER.

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INTERFERENCE WITH THIS TYPE OF OPERATION BY A UNKNOWN MOBLIE <u>, i</u> _____ - V., . Marg. 1.21-1-1-1 i · ·